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VERIFICATION

I, Carrie J. Hightman, being first duly sworn upon oath depose and say that I am an attorney for Birch Telecom, Inc. a Delaware corporation; that I am authorized to make this Verification on its behalf; that I have read the above and foregoing Petition To Intervene in Docket 00-0592 by me subscribed and know the contents thereof; and that said contents are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Carrie J Hightman

Attorney for BIRCH TELECOM, INC.

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 4th day of October, 2000.

Notary Public

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TINA M. O'DOWD
Notary Public, State of Illinois
My Commission Expires 10/22/02

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